

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification of the application as shown below. Text that is crossed through is to be deleted and text that is underlined is to be added.

On page 1 of the application, please amend the title as follows:

~~Process~~ Processes for the Fermentative Preparation of ~~L-Amino Acids~~ L-Threonine Using Strains of ~~the Enterobacteriaceae Family~~ Escherichia in which the yjgF Gene is Inactivated

On page 2 of the application, immediately after line 22 and before the section entitled "Detailed Description of the Invention," please add the following text:

Brief Description of the Figures:

- Figure 1: pMAK705ΔyjgF (= pMAK705deltayjgF)

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- StuI: restriction endonuclease from Streptomyces tubercidicus
- XbaI: Restriction endonuclease from Xanthomonas badrii

Please delete all of the text appearing on page 27 as follows:

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